RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – April 22, 2021

Caller Questions from April 15, 2021

1. Gene from East Greenwich: Asked when National Grid's operation along Route 2 in East Greenwich would be completed

This work is scheduled for completion by the end of this construction season (December 15.) When done, Route 2, from the Route 4 ramps to just north of Middle Road, will be resurfaced curb to curb.

2. Scott from Warwick: Reported most lights along Route 6 in Scituate are out, particularly at the weigh station and rest area

Our Maintenance Electricians went out to the area and found a shorted circuit. They will continue working to correct this problem during the week, but these types of problems take time to diagnose and repair.

3. Chris from Cranston: Said the on and off-ramps on Route 10 in Cranston are always littered with trash

RIDOT litter crews were out there this week picking up the litter on these ramps.

4. Phil from North Smithfield: Asked why after a water line installation the entire Old Great Road in North Smithfield was not repaved

As I alluded to on the show, as part of this Town of North Smithfield utility work, the permittee (Boyle and Fogarty) was only required to resurface the northbound travel lanes of the State roadway from the curb to the centerline as that was what was impacted.

5. Kathy from Providence: Wondered what was happening at the Glenbridge Avenue Bridge over Route 6

The work that Kathy called about is the replacement of the structurally deficient Glenbridge Avenue Bridge. Through a rapid construction method to lessen disruptions to area traffic, we're building a new bridge on a site adjacent to the existing one. Over a 10-day day period later this year when the new bridge is built, we are scheduled to slide it into place.

Caller Question from a Previous Show

 Kitty from East Greenwich: Asked that we add a traffic island with trees in the center turning lane on Route 2 by Richard's Pub in East Greenwich similar to what we did in Wakefield; said it would prevent people from using the center turning lane as a passing lane

Although we appreciate Kitty's suggestion, adding a traffic island to the center turning lane at this location is not feasible. Since there are multiple driveways in this area, doing so would negatively impact the ability for motorists to enter and exit these businesses safely. Although this does not help Kitty's cause, we will consider adding islands where the conditions allow on future projects.

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